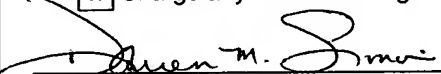
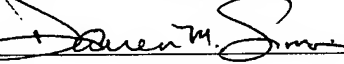




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In response to the official action mailed August 22, 2006, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.